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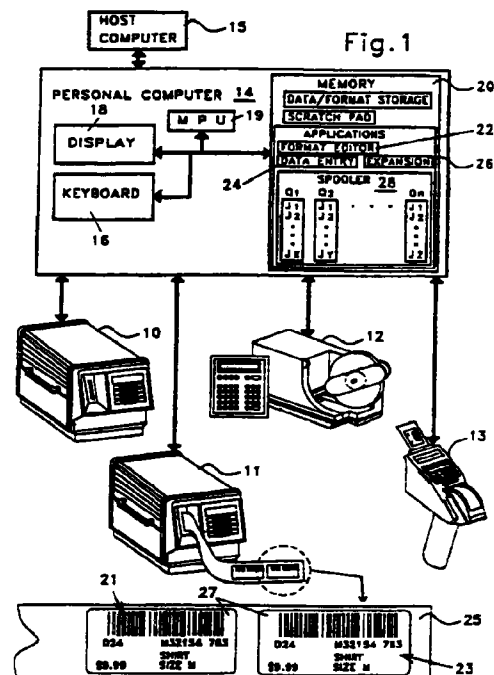
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(54) Barcode printing system

(57) A barcode identification system includes a user operable personal computer (14) for creating print jobs. The personal computer is coupled to a number of printers (10-13) for printing the data for a job in a selected format on a record member such as a tag, label or the like (27). The system employs modular software. During the initialization of each of the software modules (22,24,26,28), the system determines whether the module includes a key identification that matches a system key and if not, the operation of the software module is limited to a demonstration mode if that mode is allowable.





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